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Student Body Presidents Elect Council Officers, System Board Representatives

Louisiana's Council of Student Body Presidents (COSPB) elected its 2004-05 officers and representatives to the various higher education system management boards on May 17. COSBP is a statewide organization of public college and university Student Government Association and Student Bar Association presidents organized under the guidance of the Louisiana Board of Regents. The group works to help ensure that Louisiana's colleges and universities remain responsive to the needs of students and that student opportunity for academic and career success is optimized.

"Our charge as student body presidents and as COSBP members is to serve our institutions and our state by helping campus administrators, system governing boards, legislators and postsecondary education policymakers statewide understand the needs and views of the students served by Louisiana's public colleges and universities," said Kimberly Ludwig, Louisiana Tech SGA president and newly-elected COSBP chair.

The 2004-05 COSBP officers and board representatives are as follows:

Board of Regents Student Member: Jeraul Mackey, University of New Orleans

LSU System Board of Supervisors Student Member: Brad Golson, LSU A&M

Southern University System Board of Supervisors Student Member: Quinten Atkins, Southern University - New Orleans

University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors Student Member: Katie Ortego, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) Board of Supervisors Student Members: **Tonya Chissell, Delgado Community College** (representing community colleges) and **Angela Nealy, LTC - Huey P. Long Campus**, (representing technical colleges)

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COSBP Chair: Kimberly Ludwig, Louisiana Tech University

COSBP Vice Chair: Derrick Kee, Southern University Law Center

COSBP Secretary: Damian Breaux, Nicholls State University

"Student Government Associations and Student Bar Associations play a valuable role in the continuing improvement of Louisiana's colleges and universities," said Commissioner of Higher Education Joseph Savoie. "Among other important functions, COSBP members facilitate communication between our state's college students and the various postsecondary education boards. I look forward to working with these new leaders in the coming year."